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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:) Group Art Unit: 1632
Inventor: Alison, Malcolm R. et al.) Examiner: Dan Sullivan
Serial No.: 09/769,204)
Filed: January 24, 2001)
For: COMBINATIONS AND METHODS)
FOR PROMOTING IN VIVO LIVER CELL)
PROLIFERATION AND ENHANCING IN)
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

A. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

- a. Previously submitted
- Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)
- Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- Other

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b. Enclosed
 Amendment/Reply
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Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months.

b. Other

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a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-0665.

b. A check in the amount of \$750 is enclosed to cover the following fees.
 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) \$750/\$375
 Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §1.136 and §1.17)
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Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

In connection with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114, filed herewith, please enter the following amendments and consider the following arguments in response to the final office action, mailed February 11, 2003. The RCE and accompanying amendment are filed within three months of the mailing date of the action, thus making this response timely.

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